



THE WORD *Alive*

The Preaching Ministry of
Ashley River Baptist Church

RESURRECTION REALITIES: *REFORMATION*

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2 Corinthians 5:17 ¹⁷ *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!*

NEW: recently made, fresh, unused, unworn; superior to what it succeeds; new kind; unprecedented; novel, unheard of;

"In Christ"

Security – Acceptance – Assurance – Inheritance – Participation—Knowledge—
Wisdom= Reformation - *a new Creation*

To live as you please in a sinful self-gratifying lifestyle defining your own religion and parameters of faith can no more fit the Kingdom of God than new wine fits old wine skins. It merely brings ruin!

Isaiah 43:18-19 ¹⁸ *"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. ¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.*

Revelation 21:4-5 ⁴ *He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." ⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"*

CHALLENGE:

The Kingdom of God is dynamic and expanding like CO₂. God wants to make something of you and put something in you to do something through you. What kind of "SKIN" are you? Can the new and dynamic work of God fit in the skin of your life? Are you willing to be "stretched" and venture forth in faith to do whatever it takes to "Expand" the kingdom of God?



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